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SUBJ: REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISCHARGE OF WASTES (HUMAN
AND OTHER) FROM RAILROAD CONVEYANCES

REFS: (A) COPENHAGEN 3103, (B) STATE 52415

1. RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR SUBJECT INFORMATION HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE DANISH STATE RAILWAYS (DSB).
2. ACCORDING TO THE DSB THE ONLY CONTROLS PERTAINING TO THE DISCHARGE OF WASTES, AND PARTICULARLY HUMAN WASTES, FROM RAILROAD CONVEYANCES IS AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. THE LAVATORIES ARE LOCKED DURING THE DRIVING-THROUGH ON CERTAIN PARTICULARLY DENSELY POPULATED AREAS NORTH OF COPENHAGEN AND DURING CONVEYANCE OF RAILWAY CARS ON FERRIES.
 - B. BY NOTICES IN THE CARS, THE USE OF THE LAVATORIES DURING THE STAY AT STATION IS PROHIBITED. HOWEVER, THE LAVATORIES ARE NOT LOCKED.
3. THE DSB HAS INDICATED THAT IF AND WHEN IT BECOMES NECESSARY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REASONS TO SWITCH TO CLOSED LAVATORY SYSTEMS IN RAILWAY CARS, IT IS PREPARED TO DO SO.
4. ALTHOUGH THE DSB STATES THERE HAS BEEN NO SANITATION PRO-

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BLEM WITH DISCHARGE OF WASTES DIRECTLY ONTO TRACKS, IT ALSO STATES THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL UNSUCCESSFUL ENVIRONMENTALIST CAMPAIGNS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PRACTICE.
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